



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear

The Office of International Affairs is changing leadership on January 1, 2007, with the appointment of Dr. Dieter Wanner as interim associate provost when Dr. Jerry Ladman returns to his faculty position in agricultural economics. Thanks to the good work of Dr. Ladman, the University is poised to enter a new era that will escalate globalization as a priority for our University and our students.

This is an especially exciting time to capitalize and expand upon connections between Ohio State with universities, programs, businesses, and governments world-wide, with the goal of providing new opportunities for the University community to learn more about other societies and cultures and to share our programs and expertise with them. To this end, I am asking for the advice of faculty, students, staff, and administrators who have worked in international programs to develop a vision of the global University that Ohio State can and must become. I want you to describe the optimal Office of International Affairs—one that continues to support the activities in which we are currently involved, as well as others that would allow us to expand our involvement and services. With a new vision in mind, the University will undertake a national search for an associate provost for international affairs.

I am inviting you to serve as an ex-officio member on an International Programs Task Force. You have a unique perspective to contribute to the group. I would like the group to begin working immediately and prepare a plan by the middle of spring quarter. While financial considerations will certainly limit major expansion of the program, a vision that allows a phase-in could be possible. I will meet with the committee at its first meeting to offer some direction and to hear your preliminary thoughts and ideas.

Thank you for considering this request. I hope you will be willing to help with this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen".

Karen A. Holbrook
President